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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
GEORGE F. FANTA ET AL.) Group Art Unit 1711
Formation of Hydrophilic) Examiner M. D. Bissett
Polysaccharide Coatings on)
Hydrophobic Substrate)
Serial No. 10/849,977)
Filed May 20, 2004)

The Honorable
The Commissioner of Patents
Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

George F. Fanta and Frederick C. Felker depose and state:

1. That they are inventors of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application and they are the Applicants of said application;
2. That they are coauthors with Randal L. Shogren and John H. Salch of the publication entitled "Formation of Hydrophilic Starch Coatings on Polyethylene Films", Journal of Applied Polymer Science, Vol. 84, 1781-1788 (2002);

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3. That they are familiar with the content of the above-identified application, and have reviewed the subject matter of Claims 1-17 and 28 currently of record in said application;

4. That to the extent the publication described in (2) describes the invention of the claims described in (3), the publication describes Applicants' own work and is a publication of Applicants' own invention;

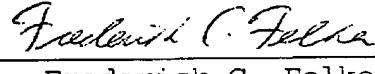
5. That they are the only inventors of the invention described in (3) and coauthors Randal L. Shogren and John H. Salch of the publication referred to in (2) were merely working under their direction;

6. That all statements made herein of their own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Executed December 21, 2005


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